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More deaths probed in listeria crisis

OUTBREAK Ontario public health officials said they are probing six deaths in connection with a nationwide listeriosis outbreak that killed an elderly woman and may be linked to tainted ready-made meat.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc. has shut down its Toronto meat processing plant in the wake of a massive recall after products tested positive for listeria. Although the products that tested positive were manufactured in July, the company has recalled all products made on suspected tainted lines from June 2 on, said a spokesperson.

Results could be in by tomorrow of genetic testing on the meat samples that will determine if there is a link between the recalled Maple Leaf products and the outbreak that has stretched across the nation, said Dr. Brian Evans, executive vice-president of Canada's Food Inspection Agency. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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It pays to be a Clooney fan



A man dressed as a clown and a police officer was one of about 30 people who protested outside the Halifax police station yesterday.

Chebucto group files complaints to police

Protesters say cops used excessive force at tree-cutting

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Seven people lodged complaints against the Halifax Regional Police yesterday for allegedly using excessive force and being unnecessarily cruel during a recent protest on Chebucto Road.

The complaints were made during a noontime demonstration involving about 30 people outside police headquarters yesterday.

Brennan Vogel, who says he was arrested and harmed by police while protesting the city's controversial project to widen Chebucto Road, called for a public inquiry.



Halifax Regional Police arrest B.C. tourist Gordon Olsen during a protest of the Chebucto Road widening in July.

"I have reason to believe that HRM police unnecessarily and dangerously precipitated this incident to a confrontation with the public under the authority of the city of Halifax," he said.

City staff and police advised tree cutters to start

their chainsaws before 6 a.m. on July 7 to avoid further confrontation following the arrest of six people July 4 on Chebucto Road.

More than 40 cops — at times two for every citizen — were present that day. Three people were arrested, but only one was charged.

One of the people arrested and released without charges was Gordon Olsen, a 59-year-old tourist from Vancouver Island.

Olsen, who has since returned home, said he plans to submit a complaint and is also looking at legal options. He alleges police were physically aggressive and threatened to hurt him during his arrest on July 7. He said one officer called him

Public safety?

- The city has said public safety made it necessary to go in earlier than normally allowed, but many residents don't accept that.

"a f—ing goof," as he was being transported.

"I'm not a criminal they tracked down some alleyway," he said. "That deeply disturbs me that that happened in my country."

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr said senior officers will investigate each complaint individually. He said people may also lodge complaints with the Nova Scotia Police Commission.

Anti-cop activists draw ire at rally

CHEBUCTO Yesterday's demonstration outside police headquarters caused a rift among some.

Anne Moynihan, a former 17-year resident of Chebucto Road, left the protest in disgust when she spotted people carrying anti-police slogans.

"I object to them taking this particular civic protest to make a statement, which is really not what we're protesting," Moynihan said.

"I think that's a generalization that's useless."

Anne Moynihan on anti-cop protests

"They are free to do it, but I object to it. I think that's a generalization that's useless."

Some protesters held a banner showing the acronym that stands for "all coppers are bastards," while others carried placards with a hand flipping the bird to an officer. One man dressed in a cop and clown costume blasted tunes with lyrics saying "F—k the police."

None wanted to comment.

Moynihan said she was there to object to the actions of city hall and use of force by police July 7 on Chebucto Road.

"That was a shock to us as ordinary people living in homes."

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Police send sober message

Going to the Valley? Drive sober. The RCMP has teamed up with the province, Bridgewater and Kentville police to do impaired-driving checkpoints at festivals and events. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local



Tar spot strikes maple leaves

Tar-spotted maple leaves are showing up in Halifax's north and south ends. Tar spot, a fungus, leaves black spots on the leaf surface. It's not fatal to trees, but spores spread it on the wind. The city says it's best to rake infected leaves up, bag them and put them in your green bin so it doesn't spread.

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Monday's Metro
Going Green

David Suzuki looks at how new science can look at the big picture for the future.



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What's online today.

Read about Montreal Alouettes running back Avon Cobourne's remarkable year in Marty York's CFL Report
Watch a biologist's explanation of the bacteria behind the recent food poisoning outbreak, and a report on the latest BlackBerry device to hit store shelves

News in brief

FIRE Police say a group of teens inadvertently set one wall of St. Stephen's School, on Highland Avenue in north-end Halifax, on fire at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday. The youths were setting paper objects ablaze when one caught the siding. Firefighters had to rip a small portion of wall apart to put out the blaze.

CORRECTION Due to an editing error, the final paragraph of yesterday's story about a missing Petite Riviere man contained incorrect information. The paragraph was meant for another story. Metro Halifax apologizes for the error. **METRO HALIFAX**



Montreal-based rockers Simple Plan pump it up at the Metro Centre last night.

Simple pleasures

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The plan is simple: Don't think your kids are getting enough exercise? Send them to see the Montreal-based fivesome.

"All right, listen Halifax," Simple Plan singer Pierre Bouvier told the crowd of more than 3,000 at the Metro Centre last night. "I think this show can't go on. I think we have to end it — unless you all start doing what I'm asking."

That order was to "jump" as the Juno-winning band

broke into the opening chords of its song of the same name. It was just one of the commands Bouvier and the rest of the guys gave the audience — and it caused the arena to shake.

It was a callisthenic concert, and Simple Plan provided the music — hits like Welcome to My Life, Shut Up and When I'm Gone — for a crowd eager to wave their arms in the air, dance, clap and tomahawk to the music.

That audience started out young, with teens and preteens arriving early for opening acts Faber Drive

and Buffalo's Cute Is What We Aim For.

"This one is dedicated to all the ladies in the room," Faber's Dave Faber told the audience. "If you have a cellphone, put it into the air."

The technical display was followed by an older post-teen crowd, arriving to see Simple Plan on the second date of its Canadian tour.

The band arrived on stage shrouded by a red curtain. The five were simply silhouetted by the light until the parachute fabric fell in time with the music, revealing the guys and an all white stage.

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Province assured about tainted meat

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At least five deaths in Ontario have been linked to listeriosis, a food-borne bacterial infection from tainted meat, but officials say Nova Scotians have nothing to worry about.

"Our food inspection service inspectors are working closely with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency," said Agriculture Minister Brooke Taylor.

He was unsure yesterday morning how much of the recalled Maple Leaf Foods ready-to-eat meat may have made its way to the province, but said the department was looking into it.

On Wednesday Maple Leaf expanded a packaged meat recall to include about 23 products including a variety of turkey, smoked meat and roast beef products after they discovered the *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria in some meat in their Ontario plant.

"If there was any product here, it's no longer available for sale."

Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors' Jeanne Cruikshank

Jeanne Cruikshank, vice president for the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors, responsible for stores such as Sobeys, said if the tainted meat made it to Nova Scotia, it's not here anymore.

"If there was any product here, it's no longer available for sale," she said. Details about the recalled meat products can be found online at www.inspection.gc.ca.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is warning Canadians to check the product number on any Maple Leaf meat products they may have in their fridge.

Carbon tax fuelling feud

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Cap-and-trade or carbon tax: that's the bazillion-dollar question facing politicians in Nova Scotia, who are facing off against each other over the issue.

Premier Rodney MacDonald, in a statement against federal Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's call for a national carbon tax, yesterday said if Nova Scotians calculate the cost of their carbon tax bill it could be an additional \$400 a year.

He said Dion's idea of a carbon tax will disproportionately impact Nova Scotia because the province relies on fossil fuels for 90 per cent of its electricity and 60 per cent of its home heating.

"This so-called solution for the environment is no solution at all for Nova Scotia," MacDonald said.



Rodney MacDonald

Scotians in his attack on the Green Shift plan.

"He has refused to tell the truth about the Harper plan's impact on Nova Scotian energy costs," Brison said.

He's challenged MacDonald to a public debate on the energy issues the province is facing, saying Prime Minister Stephen Harper's regulation and cap-and-trade approach is more detrimental to Nova Scotians.

He said MacDonald is nothing more than "Stephen Harper's lapdog"

tia," MacDonald said.

But federal Liberal MP for Nova Scotia, Scott Brison, said the premier is being "totally dishonest" with Nova

breaking it down

• According to Premier Rodney MacDonald, the Liberal Green Shift plan will cost Nova Scotians an additional 11.3 cents a litre for home heating oil and will mean an almost 40 per cent increase in the average household electricity bill because of an \$85 per tonne tax on the cost of coal.

on the energy issue and is siding with the prime minister because he knows he's going to lose the next provincial election.

"He's trying to get a federal patronage appointment from Harper," Brison said. Nova Scotia Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil, agreed with Brison.

"He's doing what the prime minister tells him to do," McNeil said. "It's why we lost the Atlantic Accord."

Do you know this child?

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Idol plans to chill out

Mitch MacDonald back in Port Hood to visit family and friends

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He's not Canada's idol yet, but Mitch MacDonald will likely get a hero's welcome everywhere he goes in Nova Scotia this week.

After being away for the last two months making it to the top four in Canadian Idol, MacDonald is back for a visit to his hometown of Port Hood this weekend.

"I am so excited to be home," said MacDonald. "I have five nephews and two little nieces that I haven't seen and, obviously, the rest of my family, too. So I think (the first thing I'll do) is just have a little chill-out session with them."

The singer/guitar player has been hugely popular all season. He's the only contestant this year who has never been in the bottom two or three. And if he hadn't already won over the East Coast, he received even more buzz when he covered Joel Plaskett's ode to Halifax, I Love This Town.

As he walked around Halifax Stanfield International Airport yesterday, he received plenty of "congratulations" and "good luck" from the crowd, making sure to thank everyone for their encouragement.



Canadian Idol finalist Mitch MacDonald signs an autograph for eight-year-old Claudia Flynn yesterday as he arrives in Halifax.

"I never, ever was thinking I'd get this far," he said. "I guess that just shows how much the East Coast likes to support."

Melanie Flynn of Fall River and her children, Claudia, 8, and Jonah, 6, came

to the airport to welcome MacDonald back to Nova Scotia.

"He's really friendly, really personable," she said. "We think they're all great finalists, but, of course, we're cheering for Mitch."

Her kids watch the show every week and are allowed to call in to vote for MacDonald a few times before they go to bed.

"He's been doing a great job. I think he's got a great chance to win it," she said.

Special needs tuition program expanded

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Dale Cropper said she felt like crying when she heard the education minister had finally answered calls to expand the tuition support program for special needs students.

"This is a huge hurdle," said the Dartmouth mother whose teenage son has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. "We've fought for a long time to bring her attention to this."

Education Minister Karen Casey announced yesterday that she's expanding a program that allows provincial per pupil funding (\$6,600) to follow eligible students to one of three designated private special education schools.

The program launched in 2005 with a two-year cap and the goal to ease students back to the public system. The cap was later extended to three years following public outcry. Yesterday, the minister announced a fourth year of coverage.

"We should be able to deliver a program that meets the needs of these students in the public school system."

Casey said. "We should be able to deliver a program that meets the needs of these students in the public school system."

Among other special needs initiatives, Casey said the province is reviewing the tuition support program to eventually bring best practices from the private system into the public one.

For Cropper, whose 15-year-old son Jake has attended Churchill Academy for the past five years, the news removes a huge financial burden.

Liberal education critic Leo Glavine, who introduced legislation last fall to extend the program for those in need, applauded the move. "This is another step and a good measure towards that goal," he said.

Dartmouth man pitches plan for billion-dollar amusement park

TOURISM A Dartmouth man says he can build a billion-dollar amusement park that will draw American tourists to Halifax — without solely using taxpayers' money.

John Assoun-Gritten, 43, has started a petition on his website, www.pierland.ca, to get Halifax regional council to consider his idea. So far, he's collected 94 signatures.

Assoun-Gritten claims he

could attract corporate sponsorship to build a Six Flags or Canada's Wonderland-style park close to Halifax. Once it is up and running, he said, it could be the site of an Olympic-sized covered stadium that would attract big-name acts to metro.

"I have the plan and it will work," Assoun-Gritten said. "We'd finally have somewhere to take the kids."

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Ongoing work related to the Freshwater Brook Sewer Replacement project has the intersection of Barrington and Inglis Streets closed to through traffic.

Construction activity in this area is expected to continue until mid-September.

Local traffic will be maintained for residents and businesses on either side of the closure. Sidewalks will generally remain open, but some temporary closures will be required. These closures and alternate pedestrian routes will be marked on site.

Please note that shops and services at the end of Barrington and Inglis

Streets, adjacent to the work zone, will remain open during the construction period.

The typical hours of work are Monday to Friday, 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., and on weekends, as required.

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News in brief

MISSING PERSON The search for a missing Petite Riviere man has been called off. Edwin Sperry, 61, has not been found and will be declared a missing person. Sperry was last seen on Saturday and was declared missing Sunday morning.

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Even though gay marriage isn't yet legal throughout the U.S., Hallmark has started selling same-sex wedding cards there. A quick check of Halifax-area stores suggests they're not available here yet, even though same-sex marriage is legal throughout Canada. **METRO HALIFAX**

Government changes tune on health costs

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out of province, awaiting complex medical procedures.

The health minister is looking into the cost of covering living expenses for Nova Scotians living

After a week of public pressure to help a Cape Breton woman who's been waiting for a double-lung transplant in Toron-

to for over a year and can no longer afford to stay, d'Entremont changed his tune.

He said yesterday the department is pulling numbers together to see if funding is a possibility.

"We're not ruling it out but we're taking our time to look at it correctly," he said.

At the beginning of the week, he said the province could never afford to shoulder the living

expenses of patients like MacKay and suggested she and her husband sell their home in Nova Scotia and move to Ontario.

MacKay and her husband Ken MacKay, along with advocates from the

"My wife won't be alive then; it's plain and simple as that."

Ken MacKay

Lung Association, expressed outrage at what they considered an "insensitive" response to their situation.

The MacKays say Marilyn may have to move back to Nova Scotia, without the operation, because they've gone through their life savings.

The minister said if the province makes the move to cover costs, it won't be until the next budget session in spring 2009 which MacKay's husband says is too little too late.

"My wife won't be alive then; it's plain and simple as that," he said.

Blaze suspicious, fire marshal says

SYDNEY Police are crediting a quick-thinking citizen and their own officers for ensuring no lives were lost in an early morning fire yesterday in Membertou.

The blaze in the eight-unit building heavily damaged four units and has forced about 20 tenants to find new homes.

The fire marshal has determined the fire to be suspicious and is being treated as arson.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

News in brief

GOLF SCORE Golf magazine believes Highlands Links is one of golf's sure shots in Canada. The magazine named the Ingonish Beach layout the No. 4 course in Canada and was the top-ranked public course in its 2008 top-100 list. Highland Links rose three spots in the overall rankings from last year. Another Cape Breton course, Bell Bay in Baddeck, was ranked No. 55 in the country. The two Cape Breton courses are part of only four Nova Scotia layouts to crack the top 100.

AGRICULTURE Nova Scotia fruitgrowers are capitalizing on some new opportunities, and Agripoint's Bill Craig says it's been encouraging to witness in the last few years. "The fruit industry is more healthy in the past few years than it was through the '90s — there are more than survival returns," he says. "Where the farmers struggled to survive, now they want to renew and can have a reasonable lifestyle, and not live and work on a shoestring." Close to 150 industry growers, researchers and suppliers signed on for this year's orchard tour August 12.

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Soldier's return special

It is a special, but brief homecoming for Master Cpl. Richard Townsend, who will spend the next 18 days on leave in Cape Breton with family and friends before returning to Afghanistan for the rest of his tour of duty.

The native of Edwardsville has spent the last four months in Afghanistan as part of a military support crew where he serves as a communications lineman.

Townsend, who is stationed with his wife and daughters in Petawawa, Ont., previously served in the Golan Heights and Haiti. He was anxious to get one last tour of duty under his belt before he retires in two years.

"Every one of my friends are over there (Afghanistan) now and I really wanted to be a part of that," said Townsend.

That means life in a wired compound, eight men to a tent with temperatures in the mid-summer hovering around 60 C.

"It's starting to cool off now, it's in the 50s," said Townsend, pointing out that the tents are air conditioned.

Townsend will head back to Afghanistan in three weeks and return to Petawawa in November when his tour of duty is complete.

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Firefighters offer mulch safety tips

FIRE Did you know landscaping mulch is flammable? Halifax firefighters say they have been called to several mulch fires lately and they're offering tips to avoid turning your garden into a fire hazard:

- Spread mulch evenly;
- Don't install decorative lights too close to, or inside, mulch;
- Don't discard cigarette butts in mulch;
- Keep at least 46 centimetres of clearance between the edge of the mulch bed and combustible materials like vinyl siding or wooden decks;
- If you don't have enough space for that clearance, use stones or gravel instead.

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McGill professor honoured by France

McGill University professor Mark Wainberg, a trailblazer in HIV/AIDS research, has been named a chevalier of France's Légion d'honneur. The order, established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, is the highest decoration in France. Chevalier ("knight") is the most common of its five grades.

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Dion defends Green Shift

Sparked by some voter complaints that they had not heard enough about Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's Green Shift plan, Dion explained yesterday he needs the proper time to explain the plan to the public. With the potential for a fall election looming, Dion is facing increased pressure from within his own party to topple the Tory government and work towards selling the Green Shift.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Three killed in Afghan blast

Total Canadians killed in war-torn region rises to 93

Canadians soldiers are dying in Afghanistan while many NATO members are refusing to show up for the fight, says retired Major-General Lewis MacKenzie.

"It's a political failure," MacKenzie told Torstar News Service yesterday after three Canadian soldiers were killed yesterday and one seriously injured when their convoy hit an improvised explosive device on the main highway outside Kandahar City.

Sergeant Shawn Eades, Sapper Stephan Stock and Corporal Dustin Wasden were combat engineers with 12 Field Squadron, 1 Combat Engineer Regiment based out of Edmonton and attached to the



Canadian Sergeant Shawn Eades, left, Corporal Dustin Wasden and Sapper Stephan Stock were on patrol when their convoy hit an improvised explosive device, killing all three.

Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group.

Their deaths bring to 93 the number of Canadian soldiers killed since Canada sent troops to the war torn region in 2002.

Three Polish soldiers al-

so died yesterday when a roadside bomb exploded in the central province of Ghazni and a Taliban force killed 10 French paratroopers in a mountain gorge Monday, but Canada's top soldier in Afghanistan said the military toll should not

be seen as a sign the Taliban is gaining strength.

"What I would say is that they're much more aggressive this fighting season than they've been in the past," Brig.-Gen. Denis Thompson said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

War resister pleads guilty

DEPORTED The first American war resister deported from Canada will plead guilty to charges of desertion in a military court martial hearing today in Colorado and will likely be sentenced this afternoon, his lawyer said yesterday.

Robin Long, 25, lived in Canada for three years after he defected from the army in 2005 while fleeing

a scheduled deployment to Iraq. He was deported July 15, following several failed attempts to earn refugee status or permanent residency in this country and has since languished in a trio of American military and civilian prisons. The plea comes after his attorney reached a pre-trial agreement with military prosecutors last week.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Robin Long

News in brief

ELECTION POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper would be "misguided" if he chose to call a federal election before Parliament resumes sitting Sept. 15, NDP Leader Jack Layton said yesterday. Layton was campaigning in advance of next month's byelection in Quebec.

WINNIPEG TASER Several police officers suffered minor injuries trying to arrest a man who allegedly punched a Winnipeg transit bus driver, fought with a passenger and scuffled with police even after he had been Tasered. Jeremy Flett, 22, faces charges.

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A National Cancer Institute report on smoking in the media has found tobacco promotion and depictions of smoking in movies cause teenagers to pick up the habit. The study found the tobacco industry spent more than \$13 billion U.S. on advertising and promotions in 2005. **REUTERS**

Teens smoke because of movie influence

World/Business

News in brief

ISLAMABAD Two Taliban suicide bombers blew themselves up outside a main defence industry complex in Pakistan yesterday, killing at least 59 people as workers left at the end of their shift. State television reported the death toll had reached 71.

FOOD The United States and some other developed countries throw away nearly a third of their food each year, according to a UN report that said the world is producing more than enough to feed its population. It says the U.S. throws away up to 30 per cent of its food, worth \$48.3 billion.

IRAQ Although it contains no fixed date for United States troops to withdraw, Iraq and the U.S. have drafted an agreement that says Iraq would like combat troops out by 2011. Some patrols could end by the middle of next year.

REUTERS

U.S. presses Russia

Russia said it would complete a pullback of troops in Georgia by the end of Friday, but it stopped short of the extensive withdrawal demanded by the West, saying it would keep a force deep inside Georgia's heartland.

Western states grew increasingly impatient that Russian troops remain inside Georgia nearly a week after a ceasefire ended a war that broke out when Tbilisi tried to retake breakaway South Ossetia. "The withdrawal needs to take place now," a White House spokesman said, and accused Russia of breaking a promise to leave Georgia.

Moscow said it was honouring the French-brokered ceasefire agreement. Russian defence officials



A girl stands during a rally in Tskhinvali yesterday, where South Ossetia's leader said he would ask the Kremlin to recognize its independence from Georgia.

said what they called reinforcement troops would be pulled back to within South Ossetia by the end of Friday and from there

withdrawn to Russian soil within 10 days.

Tbilisi says Moscow is trying to annex its territory. **REUTERS**

McCain out of touch on the economy, Obama says

CHESTER, VA. Democrat Barack Obama attacked Republican John McCain yesterday for not knowing how many houses he owns and said it proves his presidential rival is out of touch with the economic struggles of most Americans.

Obama questioned the lifestyle of McCain. In an interview Wednesday with the Politico newspaper, McCain was asked how many houses he owns with his wife and heiress, Cindy.

"I think — I'll have my staff get to you," McCain replied. "It's condominiums where — I'll have them get to you." The Politico said McCain's staff counted "at least" four houses, although other media reported at least seven.

"I think — I'll have to get back to you."

John McCain on how many houses he owns

Obama noted McCain said last week that making \$5 million U.S. was his definition of being rich and that McCain said the economy was "fundamentally strong."

By making such statements, "it's not surprising that you might think the economy was fundamentally strong," Obama said.

McCain's campaign pointed out that Obama makes over \$4 million a year and his house in the affluent Chicago neighbourhood of Hyde Park is worth more than \$1.5 million U.S. **REUTERS**

Business

Inflation rate highest in five years

ECONOMY Soaring gasoline prices drove Canada's inflation rate in July to its highest in more than five years, but the upswing was widely expected and did little to change the view that the central bank will keep interest rates on hold in September.

The annual inflation rate quickened to 3.4 per cent in July from 3.1 per cent in June, the highest rate since March 2003, Statistics Canada said yesterday. **REUTERS**

In brief

TELECOM Canadian telephone companies will be allowed to change their phone rates without the need for prior regulatory approval as of Oct. 6, the country's telecom watchdog said yesterday.

OIL Oil supplies may be running slightly ahead of current world demand, Iraqi Oil Minister Hussain al-Shahrastani said yesterday. He would not say if the situation meant OPEC needed to cut output at its September meeting, saying the group would have to first review its market data. **REUTERS**

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

400 new jobs in five years:

Admiral Insurance plans to create up to 400 jobs in Halifax within the next five years. The province, through Nova Scotia Business Inc., is supporting the growth with a payroll rebate to a maximum of more than \$2.8 million.

Alidade to run project:

Alidade Marketing has been chosen to develop the Winery and Vineyard Attraction Project for Nova Scotia. The project, which commenced Aug. 11, will create a marketing

package and website outlining the opportunities of investing in the Nova Scotia winery and vineyard industry.

Man sues bar, old employee:

A man who was injured in an early morning scuffle at a bar is suing the company and a former employee. Michael Carpenter claims he hit his head on the pavement after bouncer Jarrett Simmons allegedly punched him following an argument outside of Cheers Bar and Grill early in the morning in December.

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Athletics

Gary Reed of Kamloops, B.C., qualified for men's 800-metre final yesterday in pouring rain in Beijing. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Beijing Games

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From banned to golden boy

Canadian Lamaze eclipses drug scandals

Canada's Eric Lamaze, who missed two Games because of drug bans, won the Olympic show jumping gold after two dramatic jump-offs yesterday.

In a thrilling climax to the equestrian events, Lamaze put his past troubles behind him to beat Sweden's Rolf-Goran Bengtsson into silver. American Beezie Madden took bronze.

"The past is the past and if this doesn't make people forgive and talk to me about this all the time, I don't know what will," said Lamaze, a resident of Schomberg, Ont.

"There were days when

this was only a dream. Now it's a reality," he added.

The 40-year-old Lamaze, who won silver as part of

"There were days when this was only a dream. Now it's a reality."

Eric Lamaze

the Canadian equestrian team show jumping event earlier in the week — also in a jump-off, was thrown off the Canadian teams for the 1996 and 2000 Games after testing positive for cocaine on two separate occasions.

He also tested positive for a banned diet supplement in 2000 and has received two lifetime bans during his career, both of which were overturned after he appealed them.

• The final leg of the three-day show jumping competition followed the discovery that four horses had tested positive for capsaicin, which is banned for its hypersensitizing and pain-relieving properties.

Norway's Tony Andre Hansen was provisionally suspended from the Olympics after his horse Camiro returned a positive dope test, event organizers said.

REUTERS



Eric Lamaze of Schomberg, Ont., riding Hickstead, won a jump-off for gold in the final round of the individual jumping equestrian event yesterday at the Olympic Games in Hong Kong.

MacLean leaves after mom's death

MEDIA Ron MacLean has left his post as the main anchor for CBC's coverage of the Beijing Olympics following the death of his mother from pancreatic cancer on Wednesday night.

MacLean was scheduled to return yesterday to his home in Oakville, Ont., to be with his family.

Scott Russell will take over as host for Olympic Prime (3 p.m. to 9 p.m.), while Diana Swain will go solo on Olympic Morning (3 a.m. to 9 a.m.)

Van Koeverden roars into final

CANOE-KAYAK Canada's Adam van Koeverden eased into the final of the men's K1 500 metres yesterday in Beijing by placing first in his semifinals.

The Oakville, Ont., native, who carried the flag for Canada at the opening ceremonies for the Beijing Games, raced to a time of 1:42:43.8 to easily qualify for tomorrow's nine-man final. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Emilie Heymans of St-Lambert, Que., was nearly perfect yesterday in the women's 10-metre platform diving final.

Solid silver finish for Heymans

DIVING Emilie Heymans assuaged the pain of losing an Olympic medal which had seemed hers in 2004 and bounced back with a silver on the platform yesterday in Beijing.

The native of St-Lambert, Que., saw her dreams dissolve in Athens when her final dive went wrong and she dropped from second to fourth.

Heymans unleashed a series of excellent dives, with the home crowd roaring on teenage favourites Chen Ruolin and Wang Xin, and

came desperately close to becoming the first diver to beat the Chinese at these Games.

Chen eventually took gold and Wang the bronze.

"It's a really long time and you never know what can happen in four years. But I've been training really hard and I'm just glad that everything is over now," said Heymans.

"... I worked a lot on the head part and believed in myself and know that I can do really good as well."

Nevertheless, Heymans

came to Beijing with a disappointment because she and Marie-Eve Marleau had failed to qualify for the synchronized platform at Canada's Olympic trials after she had taken silver in 2000 and bronze in 2004 with other partners.

She said she did not think about what had happened in Athens. "I was just trying to really stay calm and focused on what I had to do to make a good dive," she said. "I just wanted to finish the competition with an awesome dive." **REUTERS**

Medal count

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
#1	U.S.	29	34	32	95
#2	China	46	15	22	83
#3	Russia	16	16	19	51
#4	Britain	17	12	11	40
#5	Australia	11	13	14	38
#6	Germany	11	8	12	31
#7	France	4	12	14	30
#8	South Korea	10	10	6	26
#9	Japan	9	6	9	24
#10	Italy	6	7	8	21
#11	Ukraine	5	5	9	19
#12	Netherlands	6	5	4	15
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Veronica Campbell-Brown, left, won the Olympic 200 metre final yesterday to complete a Jamaican sweep of all four individual sprint golds at the Games. Campbell-Brown ran a career-best 21.74 seconds to finish ahead of American Allyson Felix and and fellow Jamaican Kerron Stewart. **REUTERS**

Athletics

Beijing Games

Furneaux done; Russell in medal contention

CANOE-KAYAK

Karen Furneaux's third Olympic appearance is over, while Andrew Russell's debut is just getting started.

Furneaux, from Waverley, fell short of a spot in the K-1 500-metre final yesterday in Beijing, finishing seventh in her semifinal heat with a time of 1:55.145. The 31-year-old also missed a chance to qualify for the K-4

500 final earlier this week.

Russell, from Dartmouth, qualified for the C-2 500 final with partner Gabriel Beauséne-Sevigny of Trois-Rivières, Que., finishing third in the semifinals in 1:42.921.

The C-2 500 final is tomorrow. Russell and Beauséne-Sevigny

also qualified for today's C-2 1,000 final.

Furneaux, who trains at Cheema, made it to the K-2 500 final in 2000 in Sydney, placing fifth. She also made it to the K-4 500 final in 2004 in Athens, finishing eighth.

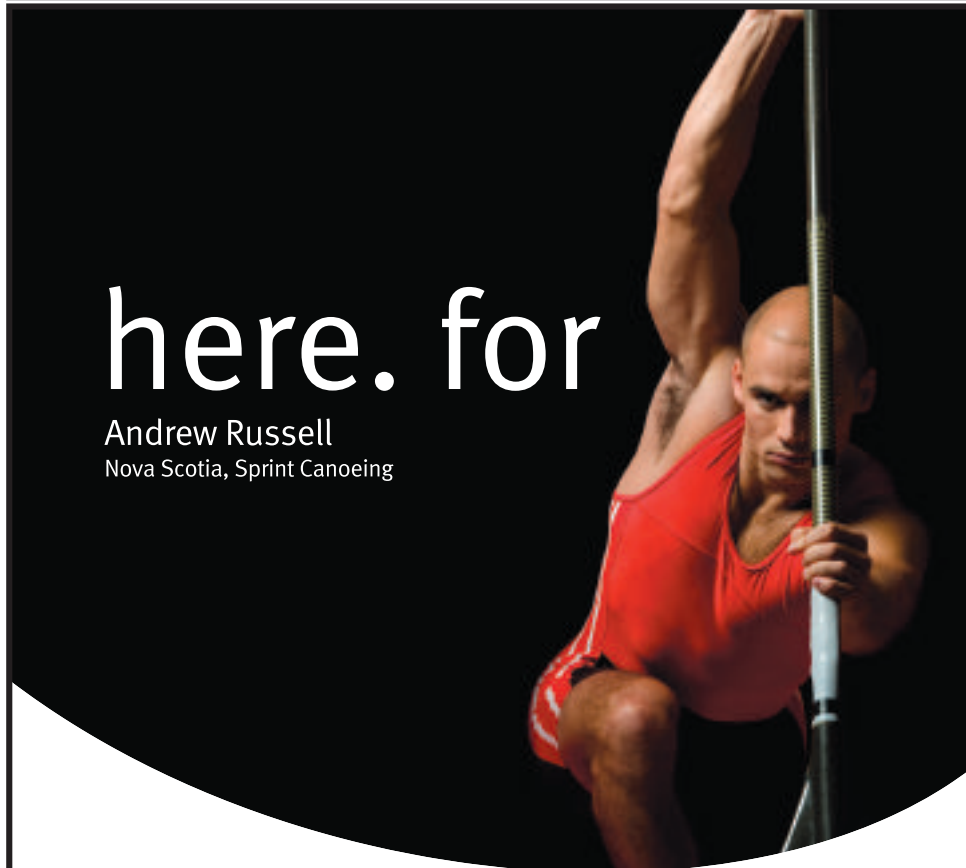
She is scheduled to compete at next week's Cana-

an sprint canoe-kayak championships on Lake Banook.

Furneaux hasn't ruled out a fourth Olympic appearance at the 2012 Games in London. She plans to compete at the 2009 world sprint canoe-kayak championships, also on Lake Banook, and will make a decision regarding retirement afterward. **METRO HALIFAX**



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When all is said and done in Beijing this weekend, Canadians

won't need to bury their heads in shame. There won't be any countries you've never heard of ahead of Canada in the standings. And we'll wind up well ahead of many other proud and prominent nations, including Sweden, Austria and Greece.

We will not be red-faced. We will not be humiliated. Still, while the Canadian team will leave Beijing with more hardware than its predecessors in 2004 and 2000 at Athens and Sydney, respectively, it will be hard-pressed to match the 22 medals Canada earned at Atlanta in the 1996 Summer Games. And it will come nowhere close to the Canadian-best 44 medals amassed at Los Angeles in 1984.

"It's a shame, frankly, because we really could be doing much better in Beijing," lamented Jane Roos, founder of a decade-old charity devoted to raising funds for Canada's Olympians. "Our athletes do everything on their own personal power to increase their chances of becoming

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medallists, but we as a nation could provide them with the direct funding that could enhance their performances. Our rowers, for example, need to eat 6,000 calories a day. How do you eat that much from \$1,500 a month from the Government?

Our rowers shouldn't need to worry about how they're going to pay their food bills. They shouldn't need to worry about how they'll pay their coach or how they'll get to training camps."

Roos has come up with an innovative eight-dollar donation/sponsorship program in a bid to help future Canadian Olympians.

"Our athletes are at a major disadvantage when it comes to funding," she said. "Canadians need to realize that, if they donated a mere eight dollars, they could impact the lives of Canadian athletes and, indirectly, impact their own lives, because I guarantee our results at the next Olympics would be more impressive and more satisfying."

Canadian kayaking king and flag-bearer Adam van Koeverden is personally donating \$800 to his fellow Olympians.

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Blue Jays spank Yankees

Halladay finally gets some run support from Toronto's offence

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	EAST DIVISION				St. Louis	71	58	550	8%	Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 11:05				
	W				Houston	68	63	504	14	Oakland at Seattle, 11:10				
	L				Pittsburgh	57	70	449	21	NATIONAL LEAGUE				
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L					W					Houston at N.Y. Mets, 8:10				
Tampa Bay	77	49	611		Arizona	66	60	524		Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 9:05				
Boston	71	54	571	4%	L.A. Dodgers	66	62	512	1%	Atlanta at St. Louis, 9:15				
N.Y. Yankees	67	60	528	10%	Colorado	59	70	457	8%	Cincinnati at Colorado, 10:05				
Toronto	66	61	520	11%	San Francisco	55	72	433	11%	Florida at Arizona, 10:40				
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Nova Scotia U-17s lose in quarters

BASKETBALL Nova Scotia's girls team is out of medal contention at the Canadian under-17 basketball championship in Charlotte.

The squad lost 68-45 to Quebec in yesterday's quarter-finals, despite a 10-point, eight-rebound effort from Abbey Duinker of Cambridge Station. Nova Scotia will now head to a consolation round to play for fifth place.

Anne Kiberd chipped in

with nine points and East Preston standout Justine Colley contributed seven points, five assists and two steals.

Nova Scotia had gone 2-0 in the preliminary round to win its pool.

The boys were scheduled to play Alberta in last night's late quarter-final, but no result was available at press time. They went 1-1 in preliminary play to place third in their pool.

METRO HALIFAX

Dry wins opener at nationals

BASEBALL Dartmouth Moosehead Dry opened the Canadian senior baseball championships with a victory yesterday.

The five-time reigning Nova Scotia champions topped Newfoundland 6-2 yesterday in Brandon, Man., as they bid for their third national title in five years.

Lefty Jason Bailey went the distance and fired a two-hitter while striking out seven to earn the victory.

Chris Goodie led the bats with two hits and two RBI, while Chris Head and Darren Doucette had two runs apiece.

Dartmouth, which won national gold in 2004 and 2005, was scheduled to play Manitoba at 10:30 p.m.

Nova Scotia's pool includes Newfoundland, British Columbia, one of two Ontario teams and Manitoba.

METRO HALIFAX

Lund not returning to Herd

Career appears over for concussion-plagued blue-liner

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Concussions appear to have ended the once-promising hockey career of Halifax teenager Stephen Lund.

The Halifax Mooseheads defenceman recently informed club management he will not report to training camp, which opens on Thursday at Cole Harbour Place. Post-concussion syndrome limited him to just 26 games last season.

"It's a disappointment," Mooseheads general manager Marcel Patenaude said. "I thought if there was one year Stephen Lund would have a breakout year, it would be this year. High draft picks, defenceman, usually blossom at 19, 20."

Lund could not be reached for comment at press time, but Patenaude said hockey isn't in his plans.

Lund, who turns 19 years old on Sept. 9, was selected fifth overall in the 2005



DAVID WHITE PHOTO

Mooseheads defenceman Stephen Lund has told the club he will not report to training camp.

Quebec Major Junior Hockey League draft. In September 2006, Red Line Report ranked him as a top-10 pick for the 2007 NHL draft. He went unselected.

The former Dartmouth Subways star never fully re-

alized his potential in the QJHL, first struggling with the P.E.I. Rocket in 2005-06 and 2006-07. He was subsequently traded to the Mooseheads in December 2006 in a deal for Luciano Lomanno and called play-

ing for the Mooseheads "a dream come true."

Lund suffered the concussion last summer in an off-season pickup game. He returned for 26 games, but post-concussion symptoms reappeared and he didn't play from Feb. 2 onward.

"In our meetings at the end of last year, I told him, 'It could be a very good year for you (in 2008-09),' " Patenaude said. "I thought he could come back and be a big part of our team."

The Mooseheads are left with four defencemen coming to camp with significant QMJHL experience: Ben MacAskill, Gabriel O'Connor, Justin Pender and Graham Bona.

"It's a hole to fill," Patenaude said. "We expected to have an experienced 19-year-old on defence. Now, we're hoping we have someone younger to fill that spot."

The Mooseheads will retain Lund's rights for the foreseeable future by keeping him on their protected list.

Robinson shines in third round

GOLF Pin-Hi's Glenn Robinson and River Hills' Aaron Nickerson sit tied for 14th at the Canadian men's mid-amateur golf championship at Qualicum Beach, B.C., yesterday.

Robinson shot the lowest round of the day with a

3-under 69 and Nickerson shot a 1-over 73. Both have a three-day total of 223 at the 72-hole event.

Dave Bunker of Woodbridge, Ont., leads the pack with a three-day 214.

Clare's Rob Collins is tied for 22nd. **METRO HALIFAX**

Sports in brief

FOOTBALL Former St. Francis Xavier X-Men defensive back Jonathan Hood will suit up for the Western Ontario Mustangs next season, according to the London Free Press. Hood started the season with the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos but was recently released.

BASKETBALL The Premier Basketball League has named former NBA Development League president Phil Evans a consultant. The Halifax Rainmen joined the PBL in June after a year in the American Basketball Association.

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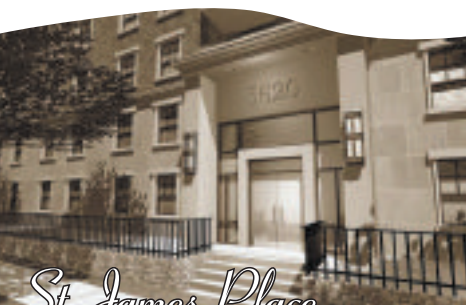
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Anna's in the house Pg 18



Anna Faris stars as the centre(fold) of the movie *The House Bunny*, in which a Playboy bunny gets kicked out of the mansion and moves in with a clan of sorority girls. The movie opens today.

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This Bunny lacks hop

House Bunny

Director: Fred Wolf
Stars: Anna Faris, Colin Hanks
Classification: 14A
Rating: ★

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW According to the movie's production notes, *The House Bunny* is about a Playboy model "who teaches an awkward sorority about the opposite sex — only to learn that what boys really like is what's on the inside". That wasn't quite the movie I saw.

Directed by Fred Wolf (who polluted theatres earlier this year with

Strange Wilderness) and written by the team behind *Legally Blonde* (who must be legally out of ideas), this dud tells the story of the aforementioned dopey model (Anna Faris) who joins a sorority after she thinks she's ejected from the Playboy Mansion for turning 27.

Well, that is "59 in bunny years" she's told, so I guess you know what you can take away from that, ladies: After 27, feel free to leave your knickers on.

The movie aims to be a tale of empowerment but it should end up an embarrassment to any woman with a shred of dignity.

And it's not only the shallowness of the main character's primary ambi-

tion to get naked in Playboy that insults me; it's that all the characters in this film are so insipid, one-dimensional and boy-crazy that trying to squeeze any depth from this flick is like searching for theological subtext in a Jonas Brothers song.

It's a shame too because Anna Faris has proven she can provide lift to most mediocre turkeys (seen her in *Just Friends*?) but in this, her talents are wasted staggering through unfunny dialogue with flat, inane characters.

As watchable as the big-eyed beauty is, when your wittiest line is "eyes are the nipples of the face", let's be honest, it's time to euthanize the poor bunny.



Anna Faris plays a Playboy playmate who thinks she's banished in *House Bunny*.

Durst's second movie as director is something of a Longshot

The Longshots

Director: Fred Durst
Stars: Ice Cube, Keke Palmer
Classification: STC
Rating: ★★

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW What do you do when you've already conquered the charts as an obnoxious front-man of a nu-metal band, supposedly slept with Britney Spears and been the subject of your own sex tape controversy?

Well, naturally, you make an over-sentimental family film about a little girl who becomes a football player...duh!

Directed by Fred Durst (better known as the lead singer of Limp Bizkit — he's the one who "did it all for the nookie", remember?), The



Ice Cube dons a Walter Payton jersey to coach Keke Palmer in *The Longshots*, a true story of a girl who plays on a boy's football team.

Longshots tells the true story of 11-year old Jasmine Plummer (played by Keke Palmer) who, under the tutelage of Un-

cle Curtis (Ice Cube) discovered her hidden talent for football and became the first female ever to play in the es-

teemed Pop Warner Super Bowl tournament.

Now, it's no secret that the underdog story isn't an original premise

when it comes to football films (especially if you've seen *Rudy* or *Invincible*) and *The Longshots* isn't much differ-

ent.

Sure, it's based on a true story, but riddled with a formulaic plot that hinges on the now-obsolete hook that a girl can play a boys game, well, *The Longshots* is a pretty bland concept for the big-screen.

While Ice Cube does provide some decent support as a washed-up quarterback getting a vicarious second shot at glory, the plot moves so quickly that developments are never completely played through.

Worse than that, they're short on conflict — the essence of drama.

In the end, that's the film's biggest downfall — sure, it's harmless enough, but *The Longshots*' saccharine intent to inspire is simply overbearing.

It makes me wonder — is Fred Durst feeling guilty about something?

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Death Race is dud-ly

Death Race

Director: Paul W.S. Anderson
Stars: Jason Statham, Joan Allen
Classification: 14
Rating: **

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada



Death Race has plenty of mindless action and crazy car stunts.

REVIEW For anyone who thinks Death Race is a re-make of the cult-classic Death Race 2000 starring David Carradine — think again!

Instead, writer/director Paul W.S. Anderson (who is trying to turn his luck around after making AVP: Alien vs. Predator four years yonder) claims this was tailored to be a prequel to the original film, although that doesn't make much sense, either, since 2000 was, you know, eight years ago.

Set in the near-future, Death Race stars Jason Statham (Crank) as Jensen Ames, an innocent man who goes to jail for supposedly killing his wife. There, the former NASCAR driver is recruited to race

other life-term inmates under the pseudonym of Frankenstein in a reality-show called Death Race.

The catch: The cars are loaded with machine guns. The dangling carrot: Whoever wins, goes free.

If that sounds familiar, you probably saw last year's The Condemned starring pro-wrestler Steve Austin. Death Race's plot is practically identical, and likewise, it's built solely on shock value and adrenaline without the quirky satirical critique on violence that fuelled the 1975 original.

Now, on its own merit,

Death Race has plenty of mindless action, and indeed, some crazy car stunts and riveting death scenes. But it's all so over-the-top — especially the script and performances.

Joan Allen is a three-time Oscar nominee, but here she seems to be playing a vicious prison warden for laughs when she threatens Ames that if he messes with her, "We'll find out who sh-ts on the sidewalk."

If only that horrible line had come from a wrestler, maybe this film wouldn't have seemed so counter-feit.

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Star Wars: The Clone Wars

REVIEW The Clone Wars sticks Anakin Skywalker and company in the middle of an intergalactic war between the clones and the droids. In reality, this movie kicks off a new animated series and highlighting where this film truly belongs — on TV.

Sure, it's an interesting combination of CGI and anime, but the story itself is about as compelling as watching somebody play a videogame for 90 minutes.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Tropic Thunder

REVIEW Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons.

Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, an action star leading the cast of a fictional war

film being shot in Southeast Asia. After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes." Instead, the gang loses their director, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists.

The twist: They're convinced it's all part of the movie. It's a great premise and one that doesn't let down with its cast.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Pineapple Express

REVIEW Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Hollywood's favorite court jester, Seth Rogen, this film is a Midnight Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder.

Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Movie for the masses

English comedian Steve Coogan takes new role in Hamlet 2

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

You've seen him in A Night at the Museum and this summer's Tropic Thunder.

He's been accused in the media of giving drugs to Owen Wilson. And in the U.K., he's a huge star. But if you ran into Steve Coogan on the street, you probably wouldn't recognize him.

"I'm sort of known by certain people in the industry for independent films," Coogan said during a recent interview in Toronto. "But this is the first thing I've done that's been given a platform with lots of support."

He's, of course, referring to Hamlet 2, his first real leading role in a big Hollywood movie.

A zany comedy about Dana Marschz — a high school drama teacher who attempts to direct a sequel to a play where all the characters died at the end



Steve Coogan says he wanted to do an "accessible" comedy.

— Hamlet 2 is a departure for the English comedian who earned his reputation making indie flicks like 24 Hour Party People and Happy Endings.

"I wanted to do a comedy film that was broad, ac-

cessible and not too esoteric," admits Coogan. "and when I read the script, this fits the bill. It's smart, but it's not hard-going; it's easy to watch."

That it is. But his character is still not typical of

most Hollywood protagonists. A failed thespian who idolizes Elizabeth Shue and pitches herpes medication on TV, Dana Marschz is not your average hero.

"He's a loser. He's a slightly tragic figure, but he's an innocent too," defends Coogan of the character's consistent mess-ups.

"The audience has to like him in some way to stay with the film; you had to give him some sort of emotional momentum because he's trying to do the right thing. He's a good person; he's just a bit of an idiot, too."

With Coogan now receiving great praise for his hilarious performance, it would seem that Hamlet 2 is sure to be just what Steve Coogan needed to finally make it in Hollywood — after 20 years in showbiz.

"If people go to see it," agrees Coogan while laughing, "I suppose it will be a breakthrough."

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Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:40-1:40-3:15-4:40-7:10-9:05-9:40
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Mamma Mia! (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:35-9
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Hamlet 2 (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 2:45-7:20-9:50

The House Bunny (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-3:40-6:45-9:15

Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:10-3:45-6:50-9:25
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Human Highway crafts rootsy pop

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



For some musicians, the daily grind of touring in a small van with the same sweaty guys turns them off writing for months, but not Jim Guthrie. The ex-Islands guitarist not only jammed with his former band night after night, he teamed up with the group's lead singer, Nick Thorburn, to start a whole other group.

"Nick had been writing the song My Beach while we were on tour and he came up to my hotel room and asked if I wanted to record it," says Guthrie, explaining how Human Highway, his new laid-back Toronto-based duo, was formed. "We didn't actually have all the instruments you hear on the track, so we did the rest of it back at my house."

Most of Moody Motorcycle, the twosome's debut disc, was conceived in Guthrie's house. While it's definitely a collaboration — many of the songs feature both musicians on vocals — the project came together mostly as a result of



Human Highway's debut album — *Moody Motorcycle* — is a sophisticated collection of rootsy pop tunes.

Thorburn's desire to work with his bandmate in an non-Islands setting.

"Nick really wanted to write songs with me," says Guthrie.

Although it was recorded in about two weeks, Human Highway's disc is a sophisticated collection of rootsy pop tunes that recall the Everly Brothers or the Traveling Wilburys. The harmonies are easily the best part, but the calm, thoughtful songwriting is

what really drives this disc.

With good reviews coming in from fans and critics alike, what was supposed to be a side-project looks like it could be turning into something more. "I do stuff for me and if there's an audience, great," he adds. "We were just leaving ourselves an out. What we've done is just wrote a bunch of songs we both really love, and it turns out other people hear something in them as well."

Air travel takes nosedive

SoundCheck

Alan Cross



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Air travel is a wretched experience that is getting more awful by the day. Just last week, my flight to Winnipeg — what used to be as routine as a bus ride downtown — is now a frustrating, demeaning and hideously expensive experience.

Between uncaring gate attendants (who refused to announce that the flight was going to be an hour late even though we could all see that the plane wasn't at the gate yet) and overzealous security types (they almost seized the homemade cabbage rolls mom had carefully packed in tinfoil in my carry-on because they can apparently be fashioned into an explosive device), I was ready to pull the chute on the whole trip.

A couple of things occurred to me during this ordeal:

- Whatever happened to the PA music heard on airplanes as passengers boarded? A number of airlines seemed to have stopped using it. Delta, on the other hand, has created a series of contemporary mixes that apparently subconsciously gets passengers settled in their seats faster.

- US Airways is yanking out their in-flight entertainment systems to save weight and fuel. Other airlines will be watching this with interest. The good news is that more planes are slowly becoming equipped with in-flight Internet access (at a price, of course), so there will be something to do.

- As of Oct. 1, Air Canada will no longer hand out free headsets for their entertainment systems, which is just as well because they're uncomfortable and sound awful. (Note to entrepreneurs: Far too many planes are outfitted with headset re-

ceptacles that require a double plug. There will soon be a big market for mini-plug-to-two-pronged adapters as more people choose to bring their own headphones and earbuds. You're welcome.)

- Who buys CDs at the airport? The Virgin stores in both Toronto and Winnipeg have a decent selection, but unless you're still travelling with a portable CD player or willing to listen through your laptop, CDs seem to be a little 20th century — if you know what I mean. (At least the prices have come down. I once saw Led Zeppelin IV selling at an airport store for \$26.99.)

- Speaking of shopping, who would buy the hardcore porn magazines they sell at the airport? Is anyone actually going to crack one open during the flight? As if we need something else to make flying even more uncomfortable...

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Glitter returns to Thailand

Disgraced glam rocker Gary Glitter returned to Bangkok yesterday after Hong Kong barred him from entering following his release from three years' prison in Vietnam for child sex abuse.

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Internet users fear iPod tunes blocked in China

The downloading of music for iPod players has hit a mysterious glitch in China, stumping scores of users and raising fears the government has blocked Apple's iTunes site over pro-Tibet lyrics, analysts said yesterday.

Since Monday, more than 60 people have posted messages in an Apple Inc discussion forum complaining that they could not download songs for use on Apple's iPods.

Their complaints follow the release of The Art of Peace Foundation's new album Songs for Tibet, a compilation of tunes about the rights of ethnic Tibetans in China's mountainous southwest.

Tibet, which Communist troops entered in 1950, suffered violent rioting in March, which led to anti-government demonstrations across Tibetan areas of China, deeply embarrassing Beijing just

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music

Snakecharming the masses

Montreal rockers The Stills drop new album following McCartney opening gig

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada



Midway through a recent concert from The Stills, several masked drummers joined the group onstage to add extra percussive oomph to a new tune called Snakecharming the Masses.

Was this foretelling a bold conceptual direction for the Montreal rockers' third album, *Oceans Will Rise*, on which the song appears?

"We have some good friends who belong to an art group," Stills singer/guitarist Tim Fletcher explains. "When we asked them to come up on stage with us, they brought these masks and hoodies with them and said, 'All right, we're gonna dress up like tribal terrorists and hit some drums.'"



The Stills' new album *Oceans Will Rise* was released earlier this week on Arts & Crafts.

Ambitious indeed. Other than a YouTube video, the song had yet to fully reach a mass audience.

Then again, The Stills have some previous experi-

ence snakecharming the masses, albeit under different musical circumstances. Featured in Rolling Stone and as one of MTV's Ten Artists To Watch in 2003,

the group's full-length debut, *Logic Will Break Your Heart*, drew raves for its '80s dark new wave and comparisons to Echo & The Bunnymen and Joy Divi-

sion.

But by 2006's *Without Feathers*, The Stills veered toward more peppier, sparse classic rock. Internally, guitarist and founding band member Greg Paquet left, drummer Dave Hamelin switched to guitar and touring keyboardist Liam O'Neil and drummer Julien Blais were eventually added as permanent members.

"The first two records were us being thrown into this new world that, with our own neuroses, was tough to understand and get comfortable with at first," Fletcher says. "Now, as a band, we're much more comfortable together."

Still, more changes ensued: A label move from Vice Records to Arts & Crafts and another musical shift toward ambitious indie rock. Neither, however,

could have prepared Fletcher, Hamelin, O'Neil, Blais and bassist Olivier Corbeil for their next shot.

The aforementioned recent concert was a July show in Quebec City to mark the city's 400th birthday. The Stills performed in front of some 250,000-plus people as a warm-up act for the evening's headliner — Paul McCartney.

"We kept hearing about it before we knew we were confirmed to take part," Fletcher says. "None of us believed it was going to happen. But once it was confirmed, we all went, 'Oh ... my ... God! We've got a week to get this together.'"

"We've played to thousands of people before, but nothing quite like that. It took about a week-and-a-half afterwards for that experience to wear off."

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Shetty wishes Goody well

Indian actress Shilpa Shetty, far right, said she wished Jade Goody, right, well after the star was diagnosed with cervical cancer, BBC news online reports. It comes 18 months after Goody was accused of racism towards Shetty on the UK version of Celebrity Big Brother. **METRO**



weekend 25

Few new fans for Mad Men

IntelleVision



MAD LOVE: AMC spent a fabled fortune in promotion leading up to the premiere of the second season of *Mad Men* just over a month ago, but it doesn't seem to be paying off in the numbers — according to a story in the New York Post this week, last Sunday's episode saw rating return to last season's average of around 1.1 million. That's a loss of a million viewers since the show's heavily hyped return to the airwaves, with a "season-low" 514,000 viewers among persons 18-49, according to Nielsen.

Which means that *Mad Men*'s core viewership is sticking with the show, though few new fans have been made — or most of them are, like me, watching the thing on TiVo days after the show airs. Not good news for AMC, which makes me think I should be cherishing my favorite show on the air while it lasts. I'm not sure what these erstwhile new viewers were expecting, but I haven't been at all disappointed with the four episodes of *Mad Men* so far. Far from it — Matthew Weiner and his cast and

crew have exceeded my expectations, by a long shot.

While it was clear from the first episode that *Mad Men* was going to be a workplace drama, it's delivered on more than that. The anguished intrigues in the Sterling Cooper offices are still driving the show, but its forays into the personal lives of the employees and their families are threatening to shift the focus — not that I'm complaining.

Last Sunday's show crammed in a lot of goings-on for a series that's reputedly "slow moving," including several indelible glimpses into the family life of Jon Hamm's Don Draper and his restive wife Betty (January Jones). From a frisky prelude to coitus interrupted by the kids to the

pathological misbehavior of the youngest, Bobby and the precociousness of his sister Sally (speculating to zaffig office manager Joan that she'll have "big ones" like her when she grows up), the episode provoked many wincing of recognition from anyone once or currently in the business of raising a family. (And remember — all appearances to the contrary, *Mad Men* isn't really about the early '60s as much as it's about our own lives, today, refracted through that idealized past.)

The richest moment was the giddy conclusion to a family Saturday together,

a moment shattered when Bobby breaks his parents' bed and Don and Betty lose their temper before a chagrined realization that they've forgotten to feed their kids. Threading through it all was the tension between Don and Betty on disciplining their children, and Don's quiet refusal to take after his own abusive dad, which led to a poignant scene between Don and Bobby.

I'm hoping that Weiner isn't going to take the awkward friendship be-

tween Peggy (Elizabeth Moss) and an eager young priest played by Colin Hanks to the same predictable place such relationships inevitably go, but he's doing a fantastic job of recapturing the fragile, sometimes painful dignity of working class urban life just before the cultural cataclysm of the '60s. Enjoy it all while you can.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC World News	NE Patriots	NFL Preseason Football Philadelphia Eagles at New England Patriots. (Live)					
7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Cable Beach (2004, Mystery) Chris Kramer, Tygh Runyan.					Jeff Ltd.
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) From Beijing, Diving, men's 10m platform			semifinals; baseball, bronze medal game.					
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	NFL Preseason Football Houston Texans at Dallas Cowboys.				
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Swingtown	Collateral *** (2004, Suspense) Tom Cruise.					News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	TMZ (N)	Jeopardy!	Greek "Liquid Courage"	Greek	Without a Trace				
36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two-Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?				Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Olympic Zone	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)				
55	55	55	SCOR	Drive This	Game On	Poker Pacific Poker UK Open.	WWE SmackDown!					Score Tonight
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	Boxing	NASCAR Racing	Nationwide Series -- Food City 250. (HDTV) (Live)				
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)				The Cleaner
70	70	70	APTN	Street Talk	News	From the Spirit	renegadePress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	U.S. Marshals *** (1998, Crime Drama)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal "Baby Talk"		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Lunch With Charles *** (2001, Romance-Drama)				Divas
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	Kathy Griffin
18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	Canada's Worst Handyman II		Larry King Live	Cooper 360	Forensic
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		House Hunters	House Hunters	Man vs. Wild		Relocation
34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		NCIS "Hiatus"	Property Virgin	Cities of the Underworld		Final 24 Marvin Gaye.		NCIS
46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	America's Best Dance Crew		Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (2003)		
17	17	17	MM	Live at Much		(8:15) Last Night *** (1998, Comedy-Drama)		Wild Things *** (1998, Suspense)				
206	206	206	PIX	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis (HDTV)	Cold Squad	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webstreams		
39	39	39	SHOW	Skin Deep	Opening Soon	End of Leash	Til Debt-Part	Mr. Friday (N)	The List	In Laws		
40	40	40	SLICE	What Not to Wear "Rita"		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear (N)		Who Wearing		
21	21	21	TLC	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums		A Time to Kill *** (1996, Drama)		
22	22	22	W	The Next Star (N)		New York Minute *** (2004, Comedy)	Ashley Olsen.	The Next Star		Falcon Beach		

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31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	World News Sat	Law & Order: SVU	Madagascar *** (2005, Comedy) Voices of Ben Stiller.					Eli Stone
7	7	7	ASN	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W-FIVE-Music Rising	Stargate SG-1	Stargate Atlantis				The Collector
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)								
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight	NFL Preseason Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Minnesota Vikings.					
6	6	6	CHIF	Andromeda	Largo Winch	Andromeda (Part 2 of 2)	renegadePress	renegadePress				News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE-Music Rising	Black Widow (2006, Suspense) Kelly McGillis. (DVS)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.				News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops		America's Most Wanted		Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Olympic Zone	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)					
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Footy Show	BodogFight	Hardcore Champ. Fight	Score Update	Footy Show	Score Update		
53	53	53	TSN	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) From Beijing, (Live)		NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Sharpie 500. (HDTV) (Live)						
16	16	16	A&E	(5) Wyatt Earp *** (1994, Biography) Kevin Costner.		Open Range *** (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Annette Bening.						
70	70	70	APTN	MYTV	Music Speaks	Rez Bluez Robbie Antone.	Guides	Fish Out of	From the Spirit	Storytellers	Geographic	
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo! Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	Lunatic Van Beethoven	HMS Pinafire and Trial by Jury				
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Larry, Cable	
18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)	Special Investigations	Larry King Live				Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Walking With Monsters		Deadliest Catch				Crisis Angel
34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin and Justin on the Estate	Flipping Out "Tapped Out"	Holmes on Homes		Extreme-Home		
46	46	46	HIST	Underworld Histories		NCIS	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	U-571 *** (2000, Suspense) Bill Paxton			
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle *** (2003, Action)		America's Best Dance Crew		Much, Wake.		
206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) Night and the City		(8:10) Night and the City *** (1992, Crime Drama)		Cape Fear *** (1991, Suspense)				
39	39	39	SHOW	Anna's Storm (2007, Action) Sherree Wilson.		The One That Got Away (2008, Drama) Kelly Williams.						Kenny-Spenny
40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Vanity Insanity	End of Leash	Newlywed	Spoiled Rotten	Party Mamas	Shear Genius	
21	21	21	TLC	Moving Up "Color Clash"		Making It Home: Greensburg	Flip House	Hope-Home	The Real Estate Pros	Holmes-Homes		
22	22	22	W	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Confidential	Fever Pitch *** (1997, Romance-Comedy)				
27	27	27	YTV	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Avatar-Last Air	Storm Hawks	

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31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funnies Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home				Housewives
7	7	7	ASN	Alice, I Think	Alice, I Think	Funnies Home Videos	To Be Announced			Sarah Connor Chronicles		Mad Men
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) From Beijing,								
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes	Big Brother 10 (N)	Million Dollar Password		Cold Case		
6	6	6	CHIF	renegadePress	King of the Hill	Family Guy	Big Brother 10 (N)	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)		
9	9	9	CJCH	Instant Star (N)	Samantha Who	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Cold Case "3:03 AM"	Million Dollar Password		News (N)		
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case		Til Death	The Simpsons	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Fox First		
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) From Beijing, (Live)						
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Cabby Unlinit	The WWE Experience	BodogFight	Hardcore Champ. Fight		Poker		
53	53	53	TSN	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)								
16	16	16	A&E	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons		
70	70	70	APTN	Medicine Wmn	Tears	Warriors: TKO	Chiefs-Champ	MYTV	Blown Away *** (1994, Suspense)			
37	37	37	BRVO	A Song to Sing-O		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Curveball: W.P. Kinsella	Hilary and Jackie (1998, Biography)			
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Winnipeg Comedy Festival	Laughs	Rich Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Net	
18	18	18	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom	Special Investigations	Larry King Live				Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	MythBusters		Rogue Nature "Lions"	Mammals vs. Dinosaurs	MythBusters				
34	48	48	HGTV	Flipping Out		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
46	46	46	HIST	Lost Inventions		NCIS "Missing"	Submarines in Enemy Depths	The Hunt for Red October *** (1990)				
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Greek "Pilot"	Legally Blonde "You're Cut"	Greek "Pilot"		Dance Crew		
206	206	206	PIX	Lethal Wpn. 4	(7:45) The Living	Daylights *** (1987, Action) Timothy Dalton.						
39	39	39	SHOW	Student Bodies	Billable Hours	Her Sister's Keeper (2006, Suspense)	Dahlia Salem.	Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Silent Hill ***		
40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted	Wedding SOS	Bulging Brides	Rich Bride, Poor Bride	Biggest Loser		
21	21	21	TLC	The New Detectives		The New Detectives	My Shocking Story	World's Tallest Woman		A Life Half Full		
22	22	22	W	Fever Pitch	Hwd 10 Best	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	Safe Harbor (2006, Suspense) Tracey Gold.		Missing		
27	27	27	YTV	Racing Stripes *** (2005, Comedy) Bruce Greenwood, M. Emmet Walsh.			Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach		

Entertainment in brief

NEW TV SERIES Lifetime is heading to the American capital, green-lighting an unscripted series starring a trio of 20-something socialites who want to make their mark on Washington both socially and professionally. The six-episode series is called *Blonde Charity Mafia*.

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NBC-owned Hispanic broadcast network Telemundo's Summer Olympics coverage drew 12 million unique persons during the first 10 days of the Games, surpassing by 12 per cent the audience for its entire coverage of the 2004 Athens Games.

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Learn to belly dance

Halifax-based belly dance company Cabaret Serpentine will be putting on a show and workshop this Sunday night at the North Street Church at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Visit www.laurasbelly.com for more information. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Out



Aquateam, a new show featuring Nova Scotia youth, just wrapped up filming in the Caribbean.

Summer under the sea

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It wasn't too bad a way for a 12-year-old to spend her summer break.

For six weeks, Emily Chisholm and seven other Nova Scotia teens dived in the Caribbean — seeing some exotic sights and interacting with sea lions, dolphins and sharks.

"I had never done anything like this," said Emily, who is being featured in a new TV series, *Aquateam*, being produced by locally-based

Acadia Entertainment.

Airing on Discovery Kids and YTV next spring, the series follows the teens as they visit historic shipwrecks, discover underwater caves and learn more about ocean life.

It was filmed in the British Virgin Islands, Bahamas and Key West.

"We have done a lot of documentaries, but wow, so much more fun with kids," said Lee-Anne Chisholm, producer of the series. "It's their curiosity, their sense of wonder. It was hard not to get caught up in their enthusiasm."

Polaris noms to tour West, U.S.

MUSIC Canadian band Plants and Animals — which features Halifax's Warren Spicer and Matthew Woodley — are about to embark on a North American tour this fall. The Polaris Prize nominees will perform across Western Canada and throughout the United States. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Curtain closes on The Peggy Show

THEATRE Peggy is shipping out. After five years of entertaining audiences, John Beale's one-man show, *The Peggy Show*, will be performed for the last time.

Final performances take place today at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For reservations, call 902-823-2099.

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A spellbinding contest

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Evan Solomon's mom got a kick out of the fact that he's hosting a spelling bee.

"She cackled with laughter," said Solomon. "Confession: I am a horrific speller. Five books, 10 years editing a magazine and I am a notoriously horrible speller."

A co-host on CBC News: Sunday, Solomon was in Halifax yesterday for the taping of the regional spell-downs of Canada's Super Speller. A production of Halifax Film, the show is on the search for Canada's best young speller — an honour that will come with a \$20,000 RESP.

"I love words, I love competition, and I love stories," said Solomon, a father of two and a children's book author. "We are really looking at the documentary side; who these kids are



Portuguese Cove's Hannah Cameron was out to prove her ABC-knowledge at yesterday's taping of Canada's Super Speller.

and where they come from. When you watch these kids, you get connected to them."

Among the 12 youth taking part in yesterday's taping at Saint Mary's University was Hannah Cameron, an 11-year-old

from Portuguese Cove.

"It's crazy, unbelievable — but a lot of fun," said the William King Elementary student. "I like words because there are so many different pronunciations and so many different varieties," added the basketball

and ringette player.

"They are not nerds," added Solomon about the contestants. "They are really compelling, really curious and really quirky — and they are very competitive."

This show is more than just a regular bee, said executive producer Cheryl Hassen, who has been working on the show for two years. The contestants need to spell, but there are also speed-spelling rounds and word scrambles they have to solve.

"It's Spelling 3.0," she said. "I like to think of it as 'So, You Think You Can Spell.' You like spelling, you think you can spell, well, try this."

Yesterday's taping was the first of three regional finals taking place across Canada.

The top four from each regional round will go on to the semi-finals and finals in Wolfville from Oct. 4 through 11.

Best of Maritime DJs spin for prizes at The Palace

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kicks off at the Palace tonight. The best DJs, MCs and breakdancers in the Maritimes will be at the Palace every Friday night

starting at 10, competing for thousands of dollars in prizes. There's something for everyone at Z103.5, DJO Events Group and Heineken present eight weeks of top-notch performers. Get to the Palace early on Friday nights so you don't miss a beat!

Quick correction from last week. We told you about the Choose Love/Urban Music Fest tour hitting

Alderney Landing, featuring Jhevon Paris and Jordan Croucher. The good news is, there's still time to get those tickets, because the show is actually happening September 25, not August 25. Get your tickets now so you aren't disappointed!

Heard Nikki Balch on the Z103.5 Morning Show with Jeff, Nikki and Shane, weekdays from 5:30-10 a.m.

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BOOMER'S LOUNGE Ten Mile House on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.

BUBBLES MANSION DJ Savory on Friday. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday. 5287 Prince St.

CELTIC CORNER John Ferguson & Roger Stone on Friday and Saturday. 69 Alderney Dr.

CHEERS Sam Moon and Rick Gautreau matinee on Friday. Ten Mile House on Friday and Saturday. 1743 Grafton St.

COACH'S PUB Shotgun on Friday and Saturday. DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

COCONUT GROOVE The Metric System with Mike Reddem on Sunday. 1567 Grafton St.

DAVE DOOLITTLES Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

THE DOME DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday. 1663 Argyle St.

DUTCHIE'S PUB Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4

p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

ECONOMY SHOE SHOP Matt McKeown on Monday.

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AND DRUM

Gravity on

Friday and

Saturday.

1919

Upper Water

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Reel East

on Friday.

Rob Currie on

Saturday.

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Rockstorm, Windome Earl,

Murder Sounds, and The

Gideons on Saturday. 2605

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Metric System on Monday.

Kapry on Wednesday. 1717

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Friday through Sunday.

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THE JOLLY MUG Dance and

sing on Sunday. 15

Lakeland Rd.

LION'S HEAD TAVERN Laurie

the Guy on Friday and



Teresa Ennis, shown, performs with Sue Smith, and Joel Hunt and Jeff Bird from the Cowboy Junkies, at The Carleton on Wednesday at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call 422-6335.

Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

LOWER DECK Wreckhouse

and Pogeys on Friday and

Saturday. Historic Properties.

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Kid on Friday. Retro night

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St.

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DJ Bear on Friday and Sat-

urday. 2182 Göttingen St.

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day. 6100 Young St.

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day. 245 Waverley Rd.

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Fierce on Saturday. 1721

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on Friday. Last Call on Sat-

urday. 14 Highfield Park

Dr.

THE PAVILION She's No An-

gel, Save September, Great

Plains, The Fallen,

Neverdie, and Obsydian on

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. D250

presents a new music night

on Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

PEDDLER'S PUB DJ Mathe-

matix on Friday. Granville

Mall.

POGUE FADO The

Saunders Brothers matinee

on Saturday. 1581 Barrington

St.

PORTER'S LAKE PUB Len

Leblanc on Friday. Karaoke

on Saturday. 5528 Highway

7.

THE RED FOX Open mic on

Wednesday. Bayers Road

Village.

THE RED STAG Bob

Lambert musical comedy

on Saturday. 1496 Lower

Water St.

REFLECTIONS DJ

HeavyGrinder on Friday. DJ

HedFones on Saturday. Di-

va night on Sunday. 5184

Sackville St.

RODEO LOUNGE Ryan

Cook matinee on Friday.

Cody Rose on Friday and

Saturday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

THE SEAHORSE Shawn

Ashby on Friday. Andru

Branch and Halfwaytree on

Saturday. 1659 Argyle St.

THE SHORE CLUB The Per-

suaers on Saturday. 250

Shore Club Rd.

THE SPLIT CROW Da-Rock

on Friday and Saturday.

The House Party Guys on

Sunday. 1855 Granville St.

STAYNER'S WHARF The

Horsepower Blues Band on

Friday. Swingology on Sat-

urday. Jeff Goodspeed and

friends on Sunday. 5075

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TRIBECA Famous Players

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Forward, new works by

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Trevor Van den Ejnden.

Through Aug. 31



Nicole Kidman will be the star tonight. Her film *Moulin Rouge* is being screened on the side of the Electropolis on Queen's Quay at 9 p.m. or dusk.

Wednesday

and Thurs-

28 weekend

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CORRIDOR GALLERY Polar: VANS members' exhibition. Through Aug. 29. 1113 Marginal Rd.
CRAIG GALLERY Works by Ron Hazall. Through Aug.

24. Works by George H. Craig. Opens Aug. 27. Alderney Landing.
DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY Exalted Beings: Animal Relationships. Through Oct. 5. 6101 University Ave.
EYELEVEL GALLERY Works by gallery members. 2063 Gottingen St.
FRED GALLERY Works by Kevin Lewis and Melissa Marr. Through Sept. 13. 2606 Agricola St.
GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE Works by various artist. Through summer. Granville Square.
HARBOURSIDE GALLERY Una Casetta in Canada. Through Aug. 26. Asahi:

Leveling the Playing Field. Through Sept. 2. Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Rd.
HYDROSTONE GALLERY Heather Snider: Recent Paintings. Through Aug. 31. 5519 Young St.
THE KYBER ICA Alastair's MacDonald Songs From the Plays. Opens Aug. 28 through Sept. 7. 1588 Barrington St.
MARY E. BLACK GALLERY The Art of Collection. Through Sept. 4. 1061 Marginal Road.
MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY Anthem: Perspectives on Home and Native Land. Opens Aug. 25 through Oct. 5. 166



Chilliwack and Haywire headline the Weir Rockin' 08 show at the Weir Ball Field in Upper Sackville this Saturday night. Tickets are \$30. Call 451-1221 or visit ticketatlantic.com.

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museums

DISCOVERY CENTRE 100 Years: A Countdown to Life. Through September. 1593 Barrington St.
MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC Halifax vs. Louisbourg: The Final Siege. Through Sept. 1675 Lower Water St.
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: Green Legacy and Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. 1747 Summer St.
PIER 21 Various exhibits. 1055 Marginal Rd.

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Bedford Hwy.
QUEEN STREET STUDIOS Work by Jeffery Baine. Through Aug. 26. 50 Queen St.
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY Euan MacDonald: Two Places at Once, curated by Ann MacDonald and Barbara Fischer. Opens Sept. 6 through Oct. 12. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.
SECOND GALLERY Recent works by gallery artists. Through summer. 6301 Quinpool Rd.
SEEDS GALLERY Works by various artists from NSCAD University. 1892 Hollis St.

STUDIO 21 New Contemporary works by various artists. Through summer. 1223 Lower Water St.
UTILITY GALLERY Jared Betts' Cataract Reality. Through Sept. 20. 5224 Blowers St.
VIETH STREET GALLERY New works by Tristan Cooke. Through Sept. 6. 3115 Veith St.
VIEWPOINT GALLERY Temples of Sand, works by Joseph Szostak. Through August. 1272 Barrington St.
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weekend 29

A marble Styrofoam cooler by local artist Thierry Delva are among the works being shown in the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia's Contemporaries exhibit.

theatre

HALIFAX FEAST DINNER THEATRE Cape Breton Idle III. Through November. 1505 Barrington St. Call 420-1840.

OBSTRUCTED VIEW A night of readings for the launch of As Many pins, works by young local writers.. Aug. 29, 7 p.m. at the Wired Monk.

SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA A Midsummer Night's Dream, Othello and Cinderella. Through

August. \$15 suggested. Point Pleasant Park. Visit www.shakespearebythesea.ca or call 422-0295.

events

BELLA ROSE ARTS CENTRE Drum! Sept. 12 through Oct. 12. Visit bellarosearts-centre.com.

BISHOP'S LANDING Free concert series continues Sunday. Bishop's Landing, waterfront side. 2 p.m.

GRAND PARADE Tunes at Noon every Wednesday

through Friday. Through Sept. 5.

PIER 21 Battle of the Atlantic musical performance on Friday, 6:30 p.m. 1055 Marginal Rd.

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Actress Angie Harmon has confirmed she's pregnant just two weeks after her husband denied initial reports. Football star Jason Sehorn shot down the rumours they were expecting a third child. But now a representative for the pair has confirmed Harmon is pregnant. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Ifans spirals out of control at birthday

PARTY Rhys Ifans ruined his new girlfriend's birthday party earlier this week.

The hellraising actor was celebrating Kimberly Stewart turning 29 at a London club when he spotted a fellow reveller getting close to his lover.

Rhys grabbed the man, thought to be one of his friends, in a headlock and hurled abuse at him.

He screamed: "F-k off. Don't touch my bird! Let's take this outside, you think you're a big man?"

After security broke up the fight, the Not-

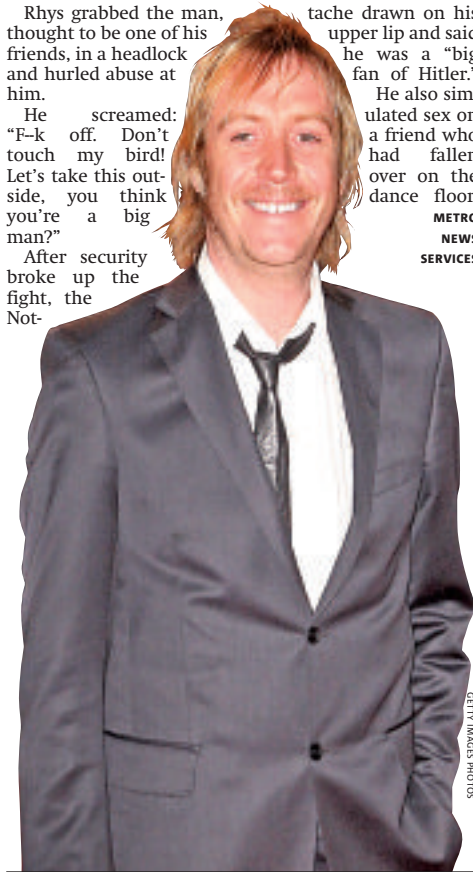
ting Hill star — who is also the frontman of Welsh rock outfit The Peth — fell into a table and sent glasses smashing on the floor.

Ifans — who split from actress Sienna Miller earlier this year — was seen with a small mouse-

tache drawn on his upper lip and said he was a "big fan of Hitler."

He also simulated sex on a friend who had fallen over on the dance floor.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Clooney buys fan a car

CRASH George Clooney bought a female fan a new car after damaging her vehicle in an accident.

The Ocean's Eleven star was driving in Pennabilli, Italy when he shunted an unnamed woman's car from behind.

Clooney accepted the blame for the incident — and made the

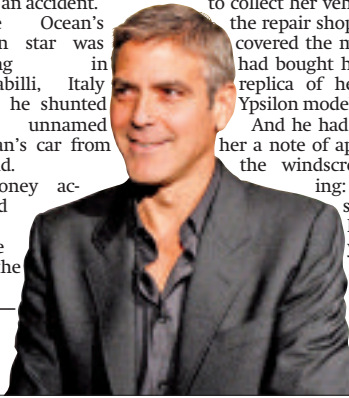
generous gesture of giving her a brand new car.

When the woman went to collect her vehicle from the repair shop, she discovered the movie star had bought her a new replica of her Lancia Ypsilon model.

And he had even left her a note of apology on the windshield, saying: "I'm so

sorry. Hope you'll forgive me. George Clooney."

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Allen won't say no to drugs

BAD PERSON Lily Allen doesn't know if she will stop taking drugs. The Smile singer, who attempted to punch a passerby after leaving a London nightspot this week, admits she isn't a "good person" when she is under the influence of illegal substances but still can't bring herself to quit. She

told Paper magazine: "I'm not going to say I'm never going to do drugs again. I just know I'm not a good person on drugs."

However, she insists she did stop using recreational drugs after she discovered she was pregnant last November. Lily, who suffered a miscarriage in January, says she vowed to clean up her life for the sake of her unborn child.

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celebrity brief

Cyber love for Gomez and Jonas?

TEXT Selena Gomez and boyfriend Nick Jonas have taken their love online. The teens can't stop sending each other saucy e-mails and texts since hooking up earlier this sum-

mer — and while the e-mails aren't X-rated, they drip with innuendo. "I love your mouth and I love your smile. It totally melts me," Nick, 15, wrote to Selena, 16.

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celebrity brief

Driver cited in LaBeouf crash

RUNNING A RED The other driver involved in actor Shia LaBeouf's recent car crash has been cited for running a red light and causing the accident which put the Transformers star in hospital with a smashed hand. The movie star's truck flipped

twice after LaBeouf collided with 21-year-old Simon Herbert's vehicle in Hollywood on July 27.

LaBeouf has since undergone hand surgery.

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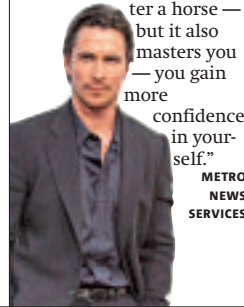


Horses made Bale's career

ACTING Batman star Christian Bale has put his successful acting career down to skills he learned riding horses. The actor is a keen horse rider and insists he has gained his most vital acting technique from the activity — confidence. He says, "I love horses. I've learned from them. Once you master a horse —

but it also masters you — you gain more confidence in yourself."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So Nick Jonas and Selena Gomez are together, and we know this because sources are leaking Nick's online correspondence. Incidentally, how do they know such gems as, "I love your mouth and I love your smile" aren't just lyrics he's workshoping? Why am I wasting a second of my life thinking about this?

At least we now have some closure on the debate that has been raging on the Internet for the past month, which effectively divided legions of 'twens into pro-Selena and pro-Miley Cyrus camps. The question as to the authenticity of this relationship will no doubt be played out in true celebrity tradition through a series of denials, confirmations, contradictions, and hacked cell-phone photo releases.

But the greater question to be considered involves Mickey Mouse as Matchmaker of Mammon. From Frankie and Annette to Britney and Justin through Zac and Vanessa, Disney entertainment properties have hooked up before, but never has the Golden Child, the perfect storm of profitability issued from said loins. Every time two people such as these youngsters get together, it is impossible not to consider that possibility, and the birth of such a child could be considered a sign of the Apocalypse, or just a reason to destroy your television.

melanie doane

Don't miss out on seeing national recording artist and home town girl, **Melanie Doane**, in the Schooner Showroom for **one night only**. Melanie has spent the last ten years on the road supporting her numerous solo albums. Her next stop is Casino Nova Scotia, with music from her newest release, "A Thousand Nights".

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August 29

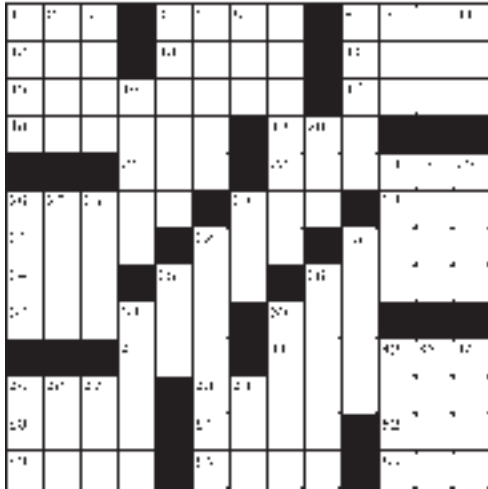


Not-so-smooth kiss

Jonathan Rhys Meyers was forced to halt filming on *Match Point* while kissing Scarlett Johansson — so that he could shave. She says, "Kissing him wasn't that bad, but he did have to stop and shave in the middle of a scene, even though he'd shaved that morning." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Take Five



Crossword down

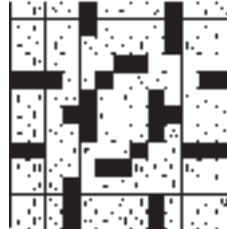
- 1 Undergoes recession
- 2 Body powder
- 3 Neighborhood
- 4 Planned in detail, with "out"
- 5 Ouzo flavoring
- 6 Hostel
- 7 Miraculous
- 8 Landscape, e.g.
- 9 Orbit segment
- 10 "Go, team!"
- 11 Past
- 16 Sprite-like
- 20 Branch
- 23 Jacob's brother
- 24 Hit repeatedly
- 25 "Boola Boola" campus
- 26 G-men
- 27 Count counterpart
- 28 Verifiable
- 29 Tie up the phone
- 32 Horses
- 33 Puppy
- 35 Make up your mind
- 36 It's said to make you smile
- 38 Jed Clampett actor
- 39 Villainous look
- 42 Prevaricator
- 43 Concerning
- 44 Like quiche
- 45 — de deux
- 46 Matterhorn or Jungfrau
- 47 Floral garland
- 49 Zee preceder

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Crossword across

- 1 Timetable abbr.
- 4 Cripple
- 8 Poet Teasdale
- 12 Prohibit
- 13 King of Siam's friend
- 14 Mountaineer's foothold
- 15 Censor's job
- 17 Canyon comeback
- 18 Resells for a big profit
- 19 McShane or McKellen
- 21 Retainer
- 22 Gooseflesh inducing
- 26 Stinky
- 29 Sweet potato
- 30 Vast expanse
- 31 Have coming
- 32 Western st.
- 33 Humpty's perch
- 34 Actress Joanne
- 35 Erstwhile acorn
- 36 Paratrooper's need
- 37 Bashful friend?
- 39 The girl
- 40 A/C meas.
- 41 "South Pacific" heroine
- 45 The gang
- 48 Comprehensive
- 50 Sheltered
- 51 Spuds' buds
- 52 S.A. nation
- 53 Rotate
- 54 Withered
- 55 Monterrey monarch

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Mistaken identity causes confusing events. A sanitary problem ruins a good first impression. A fairy tale comes true.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A bad situation can't last forever. A handy man avoids work due to exhaustion. A friendly enemy needs your support.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You can make progress in a love affair. Tensions at work will dwindle. Someone's dreadful deeds will raise your spirits.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A talkative neighbour tries to pull a fast one. A woman goes for the throat in business. A joker will lose hope after making an unbelievable demand.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Mechanical problems will slow you down. Someone's plans are a sensitive issue. A shadowy man should be avoided.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Your money holds the interest of a relative. Play it safe for the best outcome. An upset jerk has serious emotional problems.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Resistance is weakening but don't give in to your sweet tooth. You'll be asked to go out on the town. Something is causing emotional turmoil.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

An unethical person is sent off after being unfair. A sneering creep mutters under his breath. A relative makes a life-altering decision.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Don't be surprised when someone is late again. People won't hear you speaking the truth. Romantic events will come to a climax.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A hero will be the first to pay for treats. A wimpy buddy wants to look you up. Don't be scared when a strange event occurs.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

You'll jump for joy when a wish is granted. A man is on your side in an argument. A shouting person will make you smile.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

You'll discover a solution to a pesky problem. Don't show disdain for an untidy appearance. A buddy gives you cause for concern.

Sudoku

2			8		3			
3	5						9	6
	4			7		8		
	9		1	2				7
		2				6		
1				6	8		5	
		5		3			7	
8	2						6	1
			6		4			2

previous day's answer

5	9	6	4	1	3	2	7	8
1	8	4	6	2	7	5	9	3
7	2	3	9	5	8	6	1	4
8	1	2	5	7	9	4	3	6
6	7	5	2	3	4	1	8	9
4	3	9	8	6	1	7	2	5
2	4	8	1	9	6	3	5	7
9	5	7	3	4	2	8	6	1
3	6	1	7	8	5	9	4	2

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
13-17: Scholar

17-21: Smart
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Afternoon



Sunny.
26°

Tonight



Partly cloudy.
14°

Saturday



Sunny.
25° / 14°

Sunday



Sunny.
24° / 15°

Monday



Rain.
23° / 16°

Temperature Normals
High: 22.5°
Low: 13.2°

Records
High: 30.6°/1955
Low: 8.9°/1988

Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.
Sunset: 8:07 p.m.
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Moonrise: 10:28 p.m.

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